

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord, The Almighty* Arr. Anne Krentz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant
with faithful people of every time and place.

**The Spirit moves within us,
empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people**

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

**As we gather to worship,
we open ourselves to the Spirit of the Living God
made known to us in Jesus Christ.**

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 210

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray:

**You give us a vision of a new world, O God,
yet we find it so easy to abide in the old.
You promise your presence among us,
yet we seek our own way out of life's wilderness.
Wipe away our fear of the unknown
and our obsession with the known.
Make us a pilgrim people, in Jesus' name.**

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. If we are in Christ, we are a new people altogether;
the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

**In your great mercy, o God,
raise us to newness of life and make us your people,
unburdened by the past, unfearful of the future,
and joyful in the eternal present,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory to God...* (See insert)

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 4:1-7 pg. 889
The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Medley of Hymns*
Annie Laury & Niccolo Casewit, Violin

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*As the children come forward, please join in singing.*)
**This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.**

SERMON *Finding God in the Future* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Elder

**We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.
We serve humankind
by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in that work.
We risk disagreement and error
when we try to say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past
and in God's promises for the future,
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.
We affirm that the Lord is at work,
especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Come to Jesus* Chris Rice
Betty Niquette, piano; Annie Laury, violin; Kevin Crowe, tenor

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Tune: Old Hundredth

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Laura Sugg

**Word of Life, Word of Love,
in gratitude, we receive your Word.
Give us ears to hear,
minds disciplined to discern meaning,
and hearts and hands ready to respond in love.
Thank you for your words that comfort, startle, call.
We give thanks for communities of faith
that nurture us in loving discipleship.
Equipped by your grace,
may the world see your living Word
in what we say and do. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SERVING COMMUNION

Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together, wine is in outer rings of tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN

Come, Great God of All the Ages

No. 132

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***May the grace of Christ our Savior Thus may we abide in union
The Creator's boundless love; With each other and the Lord,
And the Holy Spirit's favor, And possess in sweet communion,
Rest upon us from above. Joys which earth cannot afford.***

POSTLUDE

Marche Heroique

William Stickler

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



*“My child, eat honey for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb
are sweet to your taste.
Know that wisdom is such to your soul;
if you find it, you will find a future,
and your hope will not be cutoff.”
Proverbs 24:13-14*

WPC Mission Statement

*To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

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